

**Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2014**

**Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kerns at 7:10 pm.

In attendance:

Mayor Robert Kerns, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Council Members: Farrish, Pooley, Bee and Town Clerk Michelle Rodriguez.

Excused: CM White and Chief Walker

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM Bee. Agenda approved.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kerns reports:

- 201/ Kenilworth project: no definite date for starting in our area. A new person has been placed in charge of project. Will try to coordinate a meeting with that person. The mayor has noticed in the greenbelt area bike lanes along the road hopefully those improvements will be happening in our area as well.
- Quite zone: Collaboration between several municipalities is in the working to establish the area between Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and Edmonston as a quite zone. The plan is to work with CSX Rail in order to try to improve grading and install security arms to reduce the need to blow their horns.
- WSSC contracted a company to do the repairs on Decatur St. where the water main break had occurred. These repairs weren't done correctly or with the right material. We have been in discussion with WSSC, to have the agency comeback and use permeable paving. WSSC stated that they do not work with permeable paving, but are willing (to-remove) for us to seek someone that can do the job correctly and pay for the cost. We need to submit an estimate for approval to the commission before the work can be done.
- A meeting took place with former Mayor Ortiz, the owners of Three Brothers Restaurant Council member Farrish Gant and I, during which it was, discussed possible updates and changes in their parking area and façade. Our major concern that we asked the owners to address is an access road to 53rd Avenue by the removal of the Firewood Factory.
- Lafayette Place: Requested a meeting with the Mayor of Riverdale Park to discuss the opening of the street for business on their side of the road. We are still waiting for a response from Riverdale.

- Edmonston Rec. Center: With the most recent polar vortex, a water pipe burst in the building. To our luck, our public works guys were able to (fix and-remove) make all repairs. We are also awaiting a response from MNCPPC on aiding with the repairs needed to the sidewalk and handicap ramp leading to the building.
- We have started working on the budget for fiscal year 14/15.

### **Council Report**

Cm Bee:

- Wishes a happy new year to everyone. She has set new expectations and has considered to running for election.
- Glad to see Mr. Tiberio at the meeting.

Cm Farrish:

- This year's Maryland Municipal League convention theme is "Educate, Engage and Excel". The committee will be implementing a new idea - "flash sessions". These sessions are trainings that will last no longer than 30mins. One of the topics that will be offered is "Workplace Violence".
- Black history Event is set to be celebrated on February 23. We are encouraging the participation of residents.

CM Pooley:

- Is working on going forward with the fruit tree project in town. A commitment is needed from residents to care for trees. We need to create a "committee" where people have a sense of ownership for the project.

### **Town Administrator Report:**

Mr. Tiberio informs the following:

- We have received and distributed copies of the Audit report for fiscal year 12/13. Encourages reviewing and if anyone has questions, concerns or needs any clarification to please let him know.
- We have submitted the Charter change of wards to the board of elections.
- As Mayor Kerns mentioned- we need to obtain estimates on permeable paving for the repair that is needed on Decatur Street.
- Town election is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- We are going to start working on getting a pay structure in place for all town employees. This structure will provide guidance to what is the projected amount of an increase for each position over a 10 year period.
- CSX railroad has informed us that the crossings of both Tanglewood Drive and Decatur Street will be closed for a day. The company is making upgrades to the track system. The date has not been set, but we will let everyone know once we get a date from CSX.
- Our financial situation is in good shape. We have entered the second part of the fiscal year, caution in spending is recommended.

- Cm Bee request that additional trash cans be placed along Decatur Street. In addition she mentions that the empty house on Taylor Road has become a huge eye sore. She requests that attention be given to the property
- Cm Pooley inquires about the big machinery that is located along the path by Decatur and Taylor Road.

Tiberio replies:

- The Town does have some additional trash cans, and will ask our public works team to install them
- Code enforcement has been working on the Taylor Rd. property. That particular house was previously a rental property. Randy is in process of contacting the owner (bank) and take necessary actions.

#### **Police/ Code Report:**

Chief Walker in his absence left a handout of the police report and code report.

#### **Pubic Comments:**

- No public comments

#### **Action Items for Legislative Meeting**

1. Authorization to remove speed bump from 4920 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue. No action taken. Council requests a signed petition from residents.
2. Action on Emergency Ordinance 2014-01 Multi-Family Rental Inspection/ License fee. Motion to approve made by CM Farrish and second by CM Pooley. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor

#### **Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business

#### **New Business:**

CM Farrish: Black History Celebration

- Would like to create a committee. The focus of this year's event will be a healthy one, in addition to those who impacted the civil rights movement and civil awareness. Would in addition like to reach out to elders of the community that can speak about how was life back in the day.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by CM Pooley, second by CM Bee @ 8:50pm

Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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